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1. In May 1968, three Americans -- two men and one woman -- were held by the Viet Cong in a detention camp in an area of the Chu Knia jungle (BP 470800), Phuoc An District, Darlac Province. The woman appeared to be ill. The Americans were moved from the camp after 15 days and, according to gossip, they were being transferred to North Vietnam. It was later rumored that the American woman had died after approximately 90 days while traveling north and was buried on the trail. The two men were said to be well and had continued north. These were the only American captives seen at the Darlac detention camp.

2. Comment: Three Americans were captured by the VC in Ban Me Thuot during the 1968 Tet Offensive: Michael Benge, a USAID New Life Development administrator; Henry Blood, a Protestant missionary; Susan Olson, a nurse.)

3. Field Dissem: State USMACV 7th Air Force USAID
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